

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(R)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


**DATE:** September 1, 2015

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution renaming the  
Baseball Field at Tropical Park  
nearest the intersection of  
Southwest 40th Street and  
Southwest 82nd Avenue as the  
Orestes "Minnie" Miñoso Field  
after a public hearing;  
directing the County Mayor  
to take all steps necessary to  
effectuate such name change

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.

  
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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required



Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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9-1-15

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION RENAMING THE BASEBALL FIELD AT TROPICAL PARK NEAREST THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTHWEST 40TH STREET AND SOUTHWEST 82ND AVENUE AS THE ORESTES "MINNIE" MIÑOSO FIELD AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SUCH NAME CHANGE

**WHEREAS**, Orestes "Minnie" Miñoso, was born on November 29, 1922, in Perico, Cuba, and through his legendary accomplishments as a baseball player became known as "The Cuban Comet" and "Mr. White Sox"; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Miñoso began his professional baseball career in the United States as a third baseman with the New York Cubans, a Negro League team, in 1946; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cleveland Indians signed Mr. Miñoso in 1948 as a left fielder, making Mr. Miñoso one of the first black players in Major League Baseball; and

**WHEREAS**, when the Cleveland Indians traded Mr. Miñoso to the Chicago White Sox in 1951, Mr. Miñoso became the first black player for the White Sox and earned instant fame when he hit a 415-foot homerun in Comiskey Park on the first pitch of his first at bat; and

**WHEREAS**, during his professional baseball career Mr. Miñoso earned numerous accolades, including being named to an All-Star team nine times, winning the Gold Glove three times, and earning various distinctions for his base-running and hitting talents; and

**WHEREAS**, when Mr. Miñoso retired from professional baseball in 1964, he earned the distinction of playing in the Major Leagues during five different decades, and the scale of his accomplishments led the White Sox to retire his uniform number (#9) and erect a statue of him at their stadium; and



**WHEREAS**, upon his death on March 1, 2015, the President of the United States of America, Barack Obama, issued a statement noting that “[f]or South Siders and Sox fans all across the country, including me, Minnie Miñoso is and will always be ‘Mr. White Sox’” and that “Minnie may have been passed over by the Baseball Hall of Fame during his lifetime, but for me and for generations of black and Latino young people, Minnie’s quintessentially American story embodies far more than a plaque ever could”; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board considers it fitting and proper to similarly recognize Mr. Miñoso’s superlative and barrier-shattering contributions to baseball by naming a baseball field at Tropical Park as the Orestes “Minnie” Miñoso Field; and

**WHEREAS**, Rule 9.02 of the Board’s Rules of Procedure provides that resolutions regarding the proposed naming, renaming, or codesignation of Miami-Dade County roads, facilities, or property shall be sponsored by the district commissioner where the road, facility, or property is located; and

**WHEREAS**, Tropical Park is located in County Commission District 10, represented by Senator Javier D. Souto,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Having considered this matter at a public hearing, renames the baseball field at Tropical Park located nearest the intersection of Southwest 40th Street and Southwest 82nd Avenue as the Orestes “Minnie” Miñoso Field.

**Section 2.** Directs the County Mayor or designee to take all steps necessary to reflect the renaming described in Section 1, including through the installation of suitable signage.





The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of September, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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